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Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, **MS Amendment**
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Amendment and Response
Appl. No.: 10/817,431
Filed: April 5, 2004
Title: **Process for the Production of
L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**
Inventor(s): Rieping, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7909/84003

Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.132;
3. Petition for Extension of Time; and
4. Return postcard.

Applicants believe that the fees due for the filing of this response total \$120 for a one month extension of time. The Director is hereby authorized to charge this fee and any other fee required in connection with this filing, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7909/84003.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael A. Sanzo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the firm name.

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Enclosures